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Weed and Pest bookmark winners announced

The Wyoming Weed and Pest Council is pleased to announce the top three winners of the annual bookmark contest. For the sixth year, the Weed and Pest Council has worked with Wyoming Ag in the Classroom to hold the Noxious Weed Bookmark Contest for 3rd grade students around the state.

The contest is designed to increase awareness of noxious weeds and the ecological harm weeds can do to Wyoming's natural resources.

To honor the winners, Wyoming Weed and Pest Council and Wyoming Ag in the Classroom, will be holding an Awards Presentation on May 2 at the State Capitol for all bookmark winners. Governor Freudenthal, Director of Agriculture John Etchepare, and all of the elected officials have been invited to honor the students in this special ceremony.

The Weed and Pest Bookmark Winners are:

"Weeds Get Whacky"; Student's Name: Darion Vacher; Parents' Names: Desi and JoElla Vacher; School: Encampment Elementary; Grade 3; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Pam Kraft

"Don't Let Pests be Your Guests"; Student's Name: Colton Roszel; Parents' Names: Thomas and Trista Roszel; School: Encampment Elementary; Grade 3; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Pam Kraft

"Don't Let Noxious Weeds Take Over"; Student's Name: Abbie Weythman; Parent's Name: Linda Thompson; School: Highland Hills School, Rawlins; Grade 3; Teacher's Name: Mrs. K. Tschacher

An Honorable Mention goes to Matthew Sturgeon of River Bridge School in Garrett.

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